

NEWSLETTER



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Greetings from the Commander



I would like to thank everyone who came out early on the morning of the picnic to help load and transport everything to the grounds and all who stayed to help load everything and take it back to the post. We had a beautiful day and great food. Already looking forward to next year.

During the last two months there has been much discussion on wearing of hats inside the post. There was a motion made that as a show of respect for our troops and our fallen comrades we should uncover when entering the post. There are some members in favor of this and some opposed. The motion was tabled and will probably come up again at the October Post meeting. Please try to attend this meeting and voice your opinion one way or the other.

We still have tickets available for the gun bash to be held November 18th. Tickets are \$35.00 each and include a chance to win one of 17 guns, food, beer, soda and water plus ongoing raffles during the event. Winner need not be present.

God Bless Our Troops and God Bless America

Frank Caputo,
Commander



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From the Desk of the Adjutant

Protecting Military Honor & Valor



The Pennsylvania State Senate voted 49-0 in favor of a House bill prohibiting anyone from benefiting economically by lying about military service or receiving decorations without merit.

House Bill 168, introduced by Rep. Rick Saccone (R-Allegheny/Washington), will now move to Gov. Tom Wolf for his signature.

“For one to falsely identify themselves as a veteran by wearing decorations they did not earn or service medals with the intention to obtain money or property is truly an insult and discredit to the men and women who have selflessly sacrificed their lives on the battlefield,” said Saccone, an Air Force veteran. “Our men and women of the armed forces and their families deserve the utmost respect and praise, and criminals who disguise themselves as legitimate veterans demean our true American heroes.”

*Oktoberfest has been cancelled
and replaced with a karaoke night.*

Kroakin with Chris

Friday 8:00 - 12:00.

Open to the Public. No Smoking.

Members Free. Guests \$5.

October 20th, 2017



Oldies but Goodies

CHUCK CORBY

and the

Quiet Storm

October 7th

8-Midnight

** See page 8 for more details!*



Acoustic
Guitarist

coming

September 29th

8:00 - 11:30

ACOUSTIC GUITARIST

MATT TICHON

\$5.00 COVER for all guests

**November 18
GUN BASH**

****Look for details through out the
newsletter. Beginning on page 3 and
ending on page 8.**

Post 712 Website

alpost712pa.org

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A Halloween-themed poster with a pink and orange gradient background. At the top left, a yellow full moon with three black bats flying in front of it. The text "HALLOWEEN PARTY" and "SATURDAY OCT. 28TH." is written in a purple, hand-drawn font. Below this, the time "8:00 - 12:00" is written in a brown, hand-drawn font. The prize list follows: "PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME!", "\$100.00 FOR FIRST", "\$50.00 FOR SECOND", "\$25.00 FOR THIRD", and "D.J. FOR DANCING". Below the prizes, it says "SANDWICHES AND SNACKS PROVIDED BUT YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN TREATS". The bottom of the poster features a black silhouette of a haunted house on the left, a skeleton holding a "RIP" sign, and three jack-o'-lanterns. On the right, there is a large, gnarled tree with a spider hanging from a branch. A black wrought-iron fence runs across the bottom. The signature "@amscan" is in the bottom right corner.

HALLOWEEN PARTY
SATURDAY OCT. 28TH.

8:00 - 12:00

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Future Legion Events

Chuck Corby
October 7

Karaoke
October 20

Hoagie Sale
October 29

Halloween
Dance
October 28

November 18
GUN BASH



Ruger LCP 2

AMERICAN LEGION POST 712 G U N B A S H

Salvatore's

(5001 Curry Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236)

Tickets \$35 412-653-1555

Tickets available at 650 Old Clairton Rd, Pittsburgh

Includes 2 numbers, Food, Beer, Soft Drinks

11:00 am to 5:00 pm - 17 Drawings (every 15 Min)

Winners need not be present.



Colt
Gold Cup



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Sons of the Legion,

Last month we had our annual steak fry and I would like to thank everyone that supported this event and a very special thanks to our hard workers. A big thanks goes to our Chefs, (young) **Donny Goulder** and **Tim Mowry** who made close to 70 steaks and not one was sent back to the kitchen for any reason. Also, behind the scenes and making sure everything was on the plates and ready to be served by **Debbie** and **Vicky** were **Jim C.**, **John P.**, **Mike H.** and **I. Richie H** and (old) **Donny G.** worked on greeting and taking in the money. **BUT** the most important person we all were happy to see walk in the kitchen was **Tommy Matthews**, our dish washer. Tommy, thank you so much for staying and making sure everything was washed and put away. That is a back breaking job and we **all** appreciate you doing it! The last thanks goes to **Lisa**, our bar manager. Lisa helped with setting up the tables and did some food prepping.

October 29th is our **Hoagie Sale**. Price is **3 for \$22.00 or \$8.00 for 1**.
Look for the bucket and the order forms by the door.

Thank you,
Gary Hartman,
Commander of the SAL



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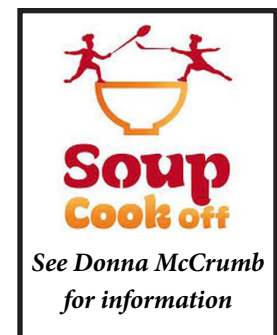
Sgt-At-Arms
PAT O'TOOLE

Auxiliary Corner,

Many thanks to the ALA members for all the time they have given selling poppies and visiting with the Veterans. The visit to the Post for the Heinz Hospital Veterans went well as usual. Thanks to everyone for the food donations and all the help given us. A special thanks to Sue and Walt for entertaining everyone. The Vets really enjoyed themselves and of course they want to come back. A sign up sheet will be at the bar for a trip to Southwestern Veterans Hospital on the 26th of October. Please try to attend. Thanks to all the ALA and Riders who went on the Caring and Sharing boat ride with the Southwestern Veterans the day after Labor Day. The weather was horrible but everyone pushed a vet carried an umbrella and danced the day away. The ALA annual soup cookoff will be on Saturday, November 4th. Please see Donna McCrumb for information on entering a soup or just coming for the samples.

GOD BLESS AND PROTECT OUR TROOPS

Mary Ann Marunich, ALA President





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Road Captain
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American Legion Riders,

Greetings Legionnaires:

Please join the Riders in welcoming our newest Rider, **Rob Mansberry**. Rob is an Army Veteran and Infantryman who served in the well-known and storied unit, The Old Guard, 3rd Infantry Regiment; Noli Me Tangere. Welcome Rob!!!

Every year the Gateway Clipper Fleet conducts a Sharing and Caring Cruise for Vets who are hospitalized. On September 5th several Riders and friends volunteered to chaperon the event and provide assistance to the Vets. Thanks to these great Riders who volunteered their time and effort to give back to the community: **Sr. Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Bodner; Rider Mike Dudenas; Dave Englert; Sergeant-at-Arms Ed Harmon; Rider Dave Harris; Vice President Kevin Jackson; Patrick Jamieson; Rider Lee Phillips; Rider Margie Phillips; Chaplain Mark Smith and Patty Smith**. And a special thank you to Mark Smith for walking point organizing the Riders participation at this event – You guys are great!

Now for some pretty big news, as you remember the Riders held our Annual Benefit Ride and related activities on August 6th. The related activities included an after-ride dinner, American Auctions and raffles. The Riders cleared nearly \$10,000 in proceeds from these events. This was by-far the most successful Annual Benefit Ride the Riders have held; which left us with the key question of how can we use these proceeds to aid Veterans in the Greater Pittsburgh area. During our meeting on September 12th, the Riders voted to donate all proceeds of these events (and a little extra) to three great organizations. The beneficiaries of these donations were local institutions that play a key role in supporting Vets:

- First, the **Veterans Place on Washington Boulevard received a donation from the Riders of \$6,007.**
- The **Riders donated \$3,000 to American Legion Post 712** for the work the Post does in supporting Veterans right here in our own community.
- And finally, the **Riders donated \$1,000 to the Valor Clinic Foundation.**

Thank you to each and every Rider for your selfless service in supporting Veterans.

It took allot of hard work for the Riders to ensure the Benefit Ride was a success. While everyone did a great job we would like to acknowledge a few folks who pounded the pavement to bring in donations of cash and merchandise for American Auction baskets and raffles of \$500 or more. **Rider John Caligiure** brought in 35 donations totaling \$2,403.41, and by far had the highest number of donations. **Rider Larry Jageman** was not too far behind with a total of 20 donations totaling \$1,300. Great job John and Larry – you men crushed it! **Senior Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Bod-**

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ner brought in six donations totaling \$554 and right on Tom's heels were **Treasurer Beverly Weikel** and **Deputy Treasurer Bill Weikel** also with six donations for \$550. **President John Dillon** and **Secretary Susan Dillon** brought in three donations totaling \$3,155 and **Rider Ed Very** also gained three donations totaling \$575. More than a dozen additional Riders brought in donations to support the Ride. Thank you one and all for your selfless service to others and in helping Veterans in need while adhering to the core beliefs of the Riders: 1. We ride; 2. We aid local Vets and 3. We remember our shared history and espouse Brotherhood among our Veterans and Patriots.

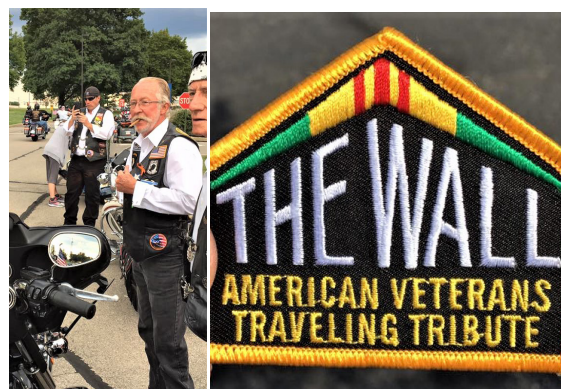
On Wednesday, August 23rd several Riders participated in escorting the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall with the Butler American Legion Riders. Now check this out, there were over 1,000 motorcycles, yes, 1,000, escorting The Wall. We are estimating the line of motorcycles was over 6 miles long! What a wonderful way to pay homage to our Vietnam Veterans. Keep in mind the escort occurred on a Wednesday, imagine the escort size if The Wall would have been traveling on a weekend rather than a weekday when most people are stuck at work. Thank you **Rider Dave Harris**, **Senior Vice President Ken Lancaster**, **Rider Ed Schmidt** and **Chaplain Mark Smith** ... And Tango Smitty for organizing the Riders participation in this worthy and humbling event.

On September 16th the Riders took advantage of great weather and held a Fun Ride to the Fort Ligonier Museum for a day of riding, admiring history, food, drink and brotherhood. Thank you **President John Dillon** for organizing the Fun Ride. If you have not visited the Fort Ligonier Museum lately we recommend you give it a try. The admission price for Veterans and Law Enforcement is free. It's a great museum and includes walking the re-built grounds of the original Fort Ligonier.

And finally, the Riders will be conducting another Gun Raffle in concert with our partners at The Gun Rack in Belle Vernon, PA. Up for raffle are two Springfield 1911, .45 caliber pistols. One pistol is a commemorative with gold inlay and the other pistol is a standard 1911 for regular use. Winner takes all! The drawing is based on the first evening number of the Pick 3 PA Lottery on Christmas, December 25th. Only 250 tickets will be sold with each ticket having four numbers; for only \$20 a ticket. All proceeds, a total of \$5,000, will be donated to the Pittsburgh Fisher House. Tickets will be available during early October. As always, tango **Senior Road Captain Dan Oeler**, **Secretary Susan Dillon** and **Treasurer Beverly Weikel** for setting up the gun raffle.

Fraternitas ante omnia,

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You can check us out on our
Facebook Page,
American Legion Riders Post 712 or
[www.facebook.com/
groups/516028081916303/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/516028081916303/).

The next Riders meeting is at
1900 hours, Tuesday,
October 3rd.
See you there.

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CHUCK CORBY AND THE QUIET STORM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH - 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT

MEMBERS FREE
GUESTS \$5



WINGS &
APPETIZERS
7-10 PM



Colt AR15



Ruger LCP 2



Ruger Super
Blackhawk 44 Mag



Henry Golden Boy 22 Mag

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Glock 42



Baretta



GLOCK 17
9 MM



Glock 19



Remington 870 12 Ga
Pump Shotgun